



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Ken Jones  
Serial Number: 10/726,767  
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Title: Surgical Tape Tensioner  
Examiner: Michael G. Mendoza  
Art Unit: 3731

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the correspondence mailed January 9, 2006, the Applicant offers the following amendments and remarks. The response is filed so as to allow the Examiner the opportunity to prepare an advisory action for the current application.

**Claim Amendments** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this Response.

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